



# RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

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## Newsletter

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# REASA

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#### Upcoming Events

##### Research Ethics Seminar Series:

**Big Data and Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Health Research: Ethical, Legal and Social Issues (ELSI)**

**Radisson Blu Hotel Waterfront, Cape Town**

**26 – 28 October 2022**

##### Programme includes:

REASA Bootcamp: Review of Data Intense Protocols – 26 October 2022

ARESA Seminar: Data Ethics for RECs – 27 October 2022

REDSSA Seminar: AI in Healthcare & Research – 28 October 2022

**Registration:** <https://forms.office.com/r/QeWs3Pga2w>

**(Register before 10 October 2022)**

### SECTION ONE: Introduction of a new member on the Executive Committee of REASA



We are very happy to announce that we have a new member joining the Executive Committee of REASA, in the position of Secretary, namely Dr Jo-Anne Botha. We are very grateful to

have her join REASA in this position, and we wish her all the best as part of REASA’s growing family.

Dr Botha is a senior lecturer in the Department of Human Resource Management at UNISA, specialising in the tuition of human resource development subjects. She has 15 years of experience as an academic and an additional 18 years of experience as a learning and development practitioner in the private and civil service sector. Her field of research is adult learning in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, specifically focusing on adult learner self-directedness and

the application of adult learning principles in learning materials design and delivery of learning programmes. Since becoming a researcher, the ethics of research has become a field of interest and this is the reason why she applied for the post of secretary

As previously indicated to our members, due to the difficulties associated with COVID-19, the term of the current Executive Committee of REASA will be extended to 2023. We give a brief overview of the current members of the Executive Committee:

<b>Chairperson:</b>	Prof Minrie Greeff
<b>Vice-chairperson:</b>	Dr Lillian Omutoko
<b>Secretary:</b>	Dr Jo-Anne Botha
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Ms Tanya Coetzee
<b>Ex-officio:</b>	Prof Keymanthri Moodley Prof Stuart Rennie

**Education and Training sub-committee:**

Prof Carolina Henn (Group leader)

Dr Adetayo Emmanuel Obasa

Prof Yvonne Paul

Prof Marelize Schoeman

Dr Gonasagrie (Lulu) Nair

Dr. Chesa Gift Chauke

**Marketing and Communication sub-committee:**

A/Prof Wayne Towers (Group leader)

Dr Philani Nongogo

Dr Jillian Gardner

Ms Eleni Flack-Davison

Prof Petra Bester

**SECTION TWO: Introduction of the REASA Brochure**

One of the key strategic aims of REASA for this year was to look at ways to improve the recruitment of new members to the association. However, one of the key difficulties experienced when undertaking marketing and recruitment activities on behalf

of REASA, was not having an updated succinct yet comprehensive brochure, that could be shared with potential members and interested parties, to inform them about the purpose and functioning of REASA. We are, therefore, very happy to introduce the newly created REASA brochure (see attached document). The document itself has been especially designed for it to be shared both electronically and in hard copy format, to improve its functionality as a marketing tool. We ask all REASA members to please share this document with their own research ethics networks, in order to *improve awareness* about REASA and to *canvas new members*. Please feel free to contact the Executive Committee of REASA should you have any queries.

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